

CLAIMS

What Is Claimed Is:

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1. A method of managing phone calls initiated from a phone device of a personal digital assistant, the method comprising:
- receiving a call signal to initiate a call device;
- initiating the call device in response to the call signal;
- 10 displaying a selectable interface of the call device in response to the call signal;
- receiving a dial signal from the selectable interface to initiate a phone call; and
- 15 initiating the phone call in response to the dial signal.
2. The method of Claim 1, wherein the call signal is received from a hard button of the personal digital assistant.
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3. The method of Claim 1, wherein the selectable interface is configured to include a talk button icon.

4. The method of Claim 1, further comprising suspending a current application, wherein the current application is other than the call device.

5 5. The method of Claim 1, wherein the phone call is associated with a redialed phone number of a most recent phone call.

6. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:  
10 receiving a phone number for the phone call; and  
searching a memory of the personal digital assistant  
for a name associated with the phone number.

7. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:  
15 establishing a connection with another phone device;  
and  
initiating a timer configured to clock a duration of  
the connection with the other phone device.

20 8. The method of Claim 1, further comprising:  
receiving a phone number for the phone call;  
receiving a save signal to save the phone number; and

initiating an address entry application in response to  
receiving the save signal.

9. The method of Claim 7, further comprising:

5 receiving an ended connection signal; and  
initiating a lapse time routine in response to  
receiving the ended connection signal.

10. A portable computer system for managing a phone call,  
10 the system comprising:

a personal digital assistant including:

a display device;

a phone device;

15 a call device configured to control the phone  
device and to display a selectable interface  
on the display device;

a hard button configured to initiate the call  
device; and

20 a selection mechanism configured to receive user  
selections from the selectable interface.

11. The portable computer system of Claim 10, wherein the  
personal digital assistant is further configured to

control phone calls placed and received by the phone device according to the user selections.

12. The portable computer system of Claim 10, wherein the display device is a touch-sensitive screen, and wherein the selection mechanism includes a tap recognizer configured to identify a tap input from a user.

13. The portable computer system of Claim 10, wherein the hard button is further configured to suspend a current application.

14. The portable computer system of Claim 12, wherein the tap recognizer is further configured to initiate a phone call in response to identifying the tap input.

15. The portable computer system of Claim 12, wherein the tap recognizer is further configured to initiate an address entry application in response to identifying the tap input.

16. The portable computer system of Claim 12, further comprising a microphone connected to the personal digital assistant, the microphone being configured to

receive audio input from a user of the portable computer system, wherein the tap recognizer is further configured to deactivate the microphone in response to identifying the tap input.

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17. A computer-readable medium carrying one or more sequences of one or more instructions for managing a phone call initiated from a phone device of a personal digital assistant, the one or more sequences of one or more instructions including instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to perform the steps of:

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receiving a call signal to initiate a call device;

initiating the call device in response to the call signal;

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displaying a selectable interface of the call device in response to the call signal;

receiving a dial signal from the selectable interface to initiate a phone call; and

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initiating the phone call in response to the dial signal.

18. The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 17, wherein the call signal is received from a hard button of the personal digital assistant.

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19. The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 17,  
wherein the selectable interface is configured to  
include a talk button icon.

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20. The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 17,  
wherein the instructions further cause the processor to  
carry out the step of suspending a current application,  
wherein the current application is other than the call  
device.

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21. The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 17,  
wherein the phone call is associated with a redialed  
phone number of a most recent phone call.

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22. The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 17,  
wherein the instructions further cause the processor to  
carry out the steps of:

receiving a phone number for the phone call; and

20 searching a memory of the personal digital assistant  
for a name associated with the phone number.

23. The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 17,  
wherein the instructions further cause the processor to  
carry out the steps of:

establishing a connection with another phone device;

5 and

initiating a timer configured to clock a duration of  
the connection with the other phone device.

24. The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 17,  
wherein the instructions further cause the processor to  
carry out the steps of:

receiving a phone number for the phone call;

receiving a save signal to save the phone number; and

initiating an address entry application in response to

15 receiving the save signal.

25. The computer-readable medium as recited in Claim 23,  
wherein the instructions further cause the processor to  
carry out the steps of:

20 receiving an ended connection signal; and

initiating a lapse time routine in response to

receiving the ended connection signal.